(c) The road transportation charges collected by the coal companies from consumers have remained at the same level after last revision of coal prices in January, 1989. They are calculated as follows :—

Where coal is transported beyond a distance of 3 Kms. to the loading point, the coal companies shall be entitled to charge additional transport costs from the purchasers at following rates :

—distance more than 3 Kms. but not more than 10 Kms.—Rs. 10 per tonne.

—distance more than 10 Kms. but not more than 20 Kms.—Rs. 20 per tonne.

Ordinarily coal will not be transported beyond 20 Kms. in respect of non-core sector consumers. In the case of core sector consumers, where coal is transported for more than 20 Kms. to the loading points, transport charges will be payable on actual basis, to be borne by the purchasers. The core sectors for this purpose would include Steel, Loco, Cement, Power (Utility) Power (Captive) and Fertilizer.

(d) The actual amount paid to Government of Bihar on account of royalty on coal during last three years was as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Royalty Paid
1988-89	33.16
1989-90	27.93
1990-91	28.9

(Data Provisional)

Foreign Tourists Visiting India

213. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of foreign tourists visited India during 1990-91 and two preceding years ;

(b) their break-up state-wise ;

(c) the average number of days spent by a tourist in the counrty ;

(d) the average inflow of foreign exchange per tourist ; and

(e) the steps taken to increase tourist inflow during 1990-91 and proposed to be taken during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The total number of foreign tourists, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, who visited India during the last 3 years are as given below :—

Year	Tourist Arrivals
1988-89	1,265,007
1989-90	1,360,227
1990-91	1,240,082

The State-wise break-up of tourist arrivals is not available.

(c) The average duration of stay of foreign tourists in India is about 30 days.

(d) The average per capita expenditure of foreign tourists in India is estimated to be Rs. 19,070 during 1990-91.

(e) Continuous upgradation of tourism infrastructure in the country and strengthening of marketing efforts in the overseas markets are the steps being taken to increase the tourist inflow to the country every year.

Commissioning of Opencast Coal Mine at Sonepur Bazari 'A'

214. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether commissioning of opencast coal mine of Sonepur Bazari 'A' has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the extent of cost overrun on account of the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) The Sonepur Bazari 'A' opencast project of Eastern Coalfields Limited was sanctioned by the Government in July, 1985 at a capital cost of Rs. 192.96 crores. The implementation of the project has suffered on account of problems of land acquisition and associated issues related to rehabilitation of land oustees. After protracted dialogue with the Government of West Bengal the land was made available to ECL in November, 1990 and work on the project has now started. The Revised Cost Estimates of the project is no placed at Rs. 453.91 crores. The project is no expected to achieve its rated production of 3 m.t.p.a. by March, 1997.

Production of Washed Coal

215. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the month-wise production of washed coal during 1990-91 by each of the subsidiaries of the Coal India Limited indicating targets and actuals;

(b) whether there has been shortfalls in production from targets ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shortfalls and the steps taken for improving production ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c) Following are the reasons for shortfall in production of washed coal during 1990-91 :—

(i) Shortage and frequent trippings of power in the Eastern Region. The power supply was disrupted on 25th-26th June, 1990 as a result of a serious failure in the eastern grid. Power supply position continued to remain unsatisfactory till about October, 1990. The situation got worsened due to incessant rains during that period. After improvement in power supply position, the production started picking up from November, 1990 onwards.

(ii) Frequent stoppage of work due to law and order problems created by bandhs, anti-reservation and other agitations.